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### **State Higher Education Commission Appoints Robert L. Moore Executive Director**

*December 16, 2002* — Sacramento — The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) has unanimously agreed to appoint Robert L. Moore as its Executive Director. Mr. Moore has served as the Commission's Interim Director since July 2002. "The Commission plays a crucial role in the development of statewide policies for higher education, and needs a strong leader in these difficult fiscal times facing the State," said Commission Chairman Alan Arkatov. "Bob is that person, bringing the right kind of background and a bold vision for how to best provide access to the vast array of students throughout the state, along with a commitment to assuring the quality of instruction," he said.

Immediately before assuming the interim position with CPEC, Mr. Moore was a member of California Community College Board of Governors and was the Board's representative on CPEC. His involvement with statewide educational and workforce training issues spans more than two decades. He served as an educational advisor to former Governor Jerry Brown and remained engaged in educational matters through professional and volunteer activities while working in the private sector as a litigation attorney and financial advisor.

Mr. Moore said, "It is an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to once again serve the people of California. I am passionate about the importance of educational opportunity and about the critical role CPEC plays in protecting that opportunity for the benefit of all Californians. I appreciate the confidence the Commission has expressed in my ability to lead this agency. Particularly now, when there is a greater need than ever for CPEC's independent perspective on how the state can most effectively and most efficiently provide educational services that will meet the needs of students and reinvigorate our economy."

The Commission is the state's independent higher education coordinating and planning body. It advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy issues and consists of 16 members, nine of whom represent the general public, five who represent the major systems of California education (the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, the independent colleges and universities, and the State Board of Education), and two student representatives.

Information about the Commission and higher education in California, may be obtained from its website at [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov).